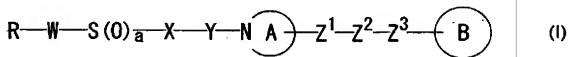


**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

There is provided an imidazole derivative useful as a thrombosis treating agent, which is represented by the formula (I):



wherein R represents an optionally substituted cyclic hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, is naphthyl optionally substituted with a halogen atom or indolyl optionally substituted with a halogen atom, W represents a bond or an optionally substituted divalent linear hydrocarbon group, X represents an optionally substituted divalent hydrocarbon group, Y represents -CO-, -S(O)-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>- or a bond, ring A represents an optionally substituted pyrrolidine ring, an optionally substituted piperidine ring or an optionally substituted perhydroazepine ring, Z<sup>1</sup> and Z<sup>3</sup> independently represent a bond or an optionally substituted divalent linear hydrocarbon group, Z<sup>2</sup> represents -N(R<sup>1</sup>)-, -O-, -S(O)-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -CO-, -CH(R<sup>1</sup>)- or a bond, ring B represents an optionally substituted imidazole ring, wherein a substituent ~~which~~ that the optionally substituted imidazole ring represented by ring B may have ~~may be taken together with R<sup>1</sup> to form an optionally substituted ring, and a represents 0, 1 or 2, or a salt thereof.~~